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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents cited in the International Search Report and listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. Copies of the International Search Report and listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following relates to the non-English language documents:

1. **DE 38 43 892** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,061,289, submitted herewith.
2. **DE 42 34 885** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,663,366, submitted herewith.
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4. **DE 42 34 887** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,534,267, submitted herewith.
5. **DE 195 43 988** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,766,576, submitted herewith.
6. **EP 0 740 931** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
7. **EP 0 728 466** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,769,903, submitted herewith.
8. **FR 2 586 913** - This document is believed to be a foreign language counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 4,823,985, submitted herewith.
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An English language version of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office that issued in the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived, is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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